

ANDREW BJRRING
ANDERSON.

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Andrew Bjrring Anderson is the son of Andrew R. Anderson and Mary Ann Pederson Anderson. He was born in Ephraim, Sanpete County, Utah, on the 14th day of September, 1866. When he was three years old, his parents moved to Lehi, the place of his home up to the present time, excepting the years spent in teaching at Vernal and Beaver.

Mr. Anderson's early life was occupied on the farm, which afforded a most excellent opportunity for attending school during the winter months. In the spring of 1884 he graduated from the public schools, and the following two winters attended the B. Y. Academy at Provo, graduating at the head of his class in 1886 from the preparatory normal course. The ambition of becoming a teacher, which had been created under the splendid instructions of Dr. Maeser, were for a period of six years not realized.

It was during these years that he was employed by the Lehi Co-op, as clerk, serving two years in the Branch store and four years at the main building, in Lehi. During the summer of 1892, while acting as a grand juror in Provo, the influences of Dr. Maeser's early teachings moved him to make arrangements for attending school the following winter. During the commencement exercises of the spring of 1895, the B. Y. University conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy (B. Pd.), also a diploma from the commercial department of the same institution.

Two years later the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as

recognition of meritorious work in the Uintah Stake Academy, conferred upon him the degree of D. B. In the spring of 1912, he filed credits from the most noted summer schools of the University of Utah, the B. Y. University, and the Agricultural College with the State Board of Education, receiving from it a State High School Diploma. He served as teacher and principal from 1895 to 1901, in the Uintah Stake Academy, and from 1901 to 1907 as principal of the Beaver Branch of the B. Y. University, and from 1908 to the present writing, he has occupied the position of district principal of the Lehi schools.

Mr. Anderson has been a consistent Democrat all of his life. During his early manhood, he received, from his party recognition in being sent as a delegate to attend the National Democratic Convention, held in Chicago, at which time and place Grover Cleveland received the nomination for his second term as President of the United States.

He has been a persistent worker in the church to which he belongs. In his early youth, he was placed in the position of counselor to the president of the Y. M. M. I. A., and later became president. For three years, from 1898 to 1901, he was counselor to Bishop John N. Davis, of the Vernal Ward, and from 1901 to 1907, was presiding elder of the Academy Branch of the Beaver Ward. At this writing he holds, in the Alpine Stake, the position of alternate to the high council, member of the stake board of education, and superintendent of the religion classes.

Wherever he has lived, he has been a producer and a homebuilder, a lover of the soil, and a producer of its products.

Hannah Evans and Andrew B. Anderson were married in the Manti Temple, September 12, 1888. To them have been born Vernon A., Leland D. Maesa L., and Mary M. Hannah Evans is the daughter of David Evans and Margaret Christina Holm Evans. She was born in Lehi, February 4, 1870.

